

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Stephen A. Smith et al.

Application No.: 10/676,807

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Examiner: Stephen J. Castellano

Art Unit: 3781

For: Ergonomic Disposable Cup Having Improved
Structural Integrity

REPLY TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 11, 2006

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This is a Reply to the Office Action mailed October 11, 2006. The original period of response to the Office Action is a shortened statutory period of one (1) month from the mailing date. Additionally, November 11, 2006, falls on a Saturday, and November 12, 2006, falls on a Sunday. Accordingly, the time period for response is November 13, 2006, and this Reply is submitted within that time limit. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's restriction in the present Application in view of the Remarks below.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 2 of this paper.